

Springfield District Report - April 2004

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Park Authorities To Hold Public Meeting April 13 On Bond Referendum

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) are holding a public hearing in the Springfield District to consider current and future park recreation needs in Fairfax County. A park bond referendum is slated for November 2004 for the purpose of financing the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP will include land acquisition, capital development and renovation of park facilities in Fairfax County. The park bond, if approved by voters, will provide at least \$50 million over the next four years. An additional \$10 million bond will be considered on behalf of the NVRPA for regional facilities and projects. The public hearing is scheduled for April 13 at 7 p.m. in the West Springfield Governmental Center at 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield. For further information, contact Judy Pedersen, FCPA Public Information Office, at 703-324-8662, or Carol Ann Cohen, NVRPA Public Information Office, at 703-359-4603, or visit the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and www.nvrpa.org.

Economic Advisory Committee (EAC) Meets April 14

Michael Molloy, Government Relations Specialist, Fairfax County Public Schools, will provide a presentation to the EAC on the 14th of April on "No Child Left Behind". The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Executive Conference Room 232 of the Fairfax County Government Center. For further information, contact [Norman Byers](#), Supervisor McConnell's Chief-of-Staff, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691.

Community Meeting Scheduled for Residential Cluster Development Requirements

Prior to July 1, 2004, as a result of a change in state law by the Virginia General Assembly, all local governments in Virginia are required to make important decisions regarding local ordinance requirements governing residential cluster developments. A cluster development is a development where houses are built on smaller lots and land within the development that is not part of those lots is kept as a common area, typically owned by the development's homeowners' association.

After July 1, 2004, in Fairfax County zoning districts that allow single family houses, if cluster development will be allowed at existing densities (number of dwelling units per acre); it will only be allowed in one of two ways: 1) administratively, as a matter of right, with no public hearing or requirement for special exception approval by the Board of Supervisors, or 2) with the approval of a special exception by the Board of supervisors, but *only* if bonus density is provided. Under the current County Zoning Ordinance, a cluster development at existing density requires special exception approval by the Board of Supervisors following public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board.

The Board of Supervisors has scheduled public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board on a package of proposed amendments to the County's Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, and Public Facilities Manual that the County staff has prepared for consideration in response to the General Assembly's July 1, 2004, deadline. The Planning Commission hearing will be Thursday, April 22, at 8:15 p.m. The Board's public hearing will be Monday, May 24, at 3:30 p.m. Copies of the Staff Report and proposed amendments are available on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz. See "Cluster Subdivision Amendments."

Supervisor McConnell has scheduled a community meeting at 7:30 p.m. on April 20, 2004, so that citizens can ask questions of the County legal staff and she can hear from those most directly affected. The meeting will be held at Burke Volunteer Fire Station, 9501 Old Burke Lake Rd, Burke, Virginia. If you have any further questions, please contact [Steve Edwards](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691.

Burke Lake Road Widening Meeting Scheduled for April 27

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has recently awarded a contract for the widening of Burke Lake Road for 1.2 miles from two lanes to four lanes between Lee Chapel Road and the Fairfax County Parkway. A raised median, turn lanes, curb, gutter, sidewalk and multiuse trail will be provided. The construction is expected to begin in April 2004. The estimated completion is the Fall of 2005. To expedite construction and reduce the period of construction, the middle section of the road will be closed in 2004 during public school closures. A detour will be provided to assist motorists in transiting around the closed road. A "Pardon Our Dust" meeting, hosted by Springfield District Supervisor McConnell and Braddock District Supervisor Bulova, is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Burke Volunteer Fire Station, 9501 Old Burke Lake Rd, Burke, Virginia. If you have any further questions, please contact [Steve Edwards](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691.

Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BACs) Openings

Citizen advisory bodies play a very important role in county government. Supervisor McConnell is looking for a Springfield District representative for the following BACs:

- [Human Services Council](#)
- Advisory Social Services Board

If you are interested in serving on any of these BACs, please contact [Dianne Peikin](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691. For further information on the various BACs, see the [BACs Website](#).

Land Use Committee Meets April 6

The Springfield District Fairfax Center Area Land Use Committee met on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. The committee reviewed and recommended approval for the Random Hills Investment, LCC application to rezone 4.7 acres of property to construct 62 attached townhouse units. The property is located on Random Hills Rd., west of Ridge Top Rd., Tax Map No. 56-2 - ((11)) - B1. The Planning Commission hearing for this application is scheduled for June 16, 2004. For further information, please contact [Marlae Schnare](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-324-2500, TTY 703-455-6691. For general information on the land use committee and for minutes of past meetings, see the Springfield District Land Use [Website](#). The next meeting of the Land Use Committee is tentatively scheduled for May 4 at 7 p.m. in Conference Room 4 & 5 of the Fairfax County Government Center.

Community Room Available for Non-Profit Groups

The West Springfield Governmental Center offers not-for-profit community groups the opportunity to reserve (for free) meeting space in the Community Room. This room can hold

up to 100 people, or can be split into 2 separate rooms with a folding wall holding 50 people each. All organizations wishing to reserve the Community Room must submit an application to Springfield District Supervisor Elaine McConnell's office. For further information see the Community Room [Website](#), or call [Dianne Peikin](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691.

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